

MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114

October 11, 2017

REGULAR MEETING:

The Board of Education of Manhattan School District 114, in the County of Will and the State of Illinois, met at Wilson Creek Elementary School on October 11, 2017 for a regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

President, Scott Mancke, called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Present: Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle. Member Sue Prynn participated electronically per School Board policy.
2. Absent: Scott Mancke
3. Others present: Russell Ragon, Kim Maher, Dr. Ron Pacheco, Ryan McWilliams, Renee Karalus, Pete Slattery, Susan Kubik, Carrie Book, Lucinda Neighbors, John Deckleman, Corey Wright, Tracy Lamont, Keeley Senn, Barbara Steffen

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting of September 13, 2017
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report
3. Acknowledgement of Lincoln-Way Special Education and Administrator's Minutes
4. Approval of October Disbursements
5. Approval of November Payroll
6. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes – March 9, 2016

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

L. Boyles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by J. Mitchell.

Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

EDUCATION FUND	\$ 1,222,970.59
BUILDING FUND	\$ 176,601.59
BOND & INTEREST FUND	\$111,530.05
TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 99,421.45
IMRF FUND	\$ 34,280.39
WORKING CASH FUND	\$.00
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	\$ 191.25
LIFE SAFETY FUND	\$.00
TOTAL	\$1,644,995.32

VISITORS TO BE HEARD

No visitors requested to speak before the Board.

ASSESSMENT DATA PRESENTATION

Superintendent Ragon presented assessment data to the Board and made a brief statement on how the data is being used by the administrative team, District Leadership Team and the staff. Mr. McWilliams commented that Mr. Harvey, working through the PDA has offered to come on Nov. 3rd and meet with the DLT to discuss continued curriculum work and alignment, as well as the process of transitioning to Standards Based Curriculum and Reporting. After several questions from members of the Board and discussion, Member Joe Mitchell asked Superintendent to come back to the Board with options and recommendations for the Board on how best to proceed.

GOOD NEWS

Board members received written reports from the Principals. The Principals had nothing additional to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Farm Lease Bid

Superintendent Ragon explained that every two years the district puts the farmland up for bid. He also explained that bidders must reside within the school district (their primary residence). After

receiving bids, Mike Kestle submitted the highest bid of \$181 per acre. Superintendent Ragon recommended accepting the bid.

L. Boyles made a motion to award the bid of \$181/per acre for a two-year Agricultural Lease on 36.01 acres located at Northwest Corner of Smith Road and Eastern Ave., Manhattan, IL, 12.13 acres located at Northeast Corner of Smith Road and Eastern Ave., Manhattan, IL, and 28.49 Acres located at NW corner of Smith Road and Eastern Ave., Manhattan, IL, to Mike Kestle, with a second by Terry Doyle.

Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynne, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

MSD #114 District Enrollment

Superintendent Ragon commented on increasing enrollment and the need to add additional sections/teachers for the 2018-19 school year. The Superintendent and Administration will present staffing needs and building plans to the Board at the November meeting. Superintendent Ragon commented that the restructuring of the bond debt on Wilson Creek would be necessary to accomplish this, and still allow the Board to maintain the current rate of \$4.26 for the levy, holding it steady for the third straight year. The total enrollment for the district is currently at 1482 with 1464 housed in the three school buildings.

Preliminary School Calendar Information

Superintendent Ragon reported that Dr. Tingley of LW210 would like Superintendents to begin discussing the 2018-19 school calendars at the next L-W area Superintendents meeting. Superintendent Ragon included the corresponding dates from the 2017-18 school calendar. The L-W area Superintendents have worked together and with their boards to align all L-W area school calendars as much as possible, for the benefits of staff, parents, students, and transportation.

- Teacher Institute Days – Aug. 20 & 21
- First Student Attendance Day – Aug. 22
- Winter Break – EDT Dec. 21, Break Dec. 22 – Jan. 6. School Resumes January 7th.
- Spring Break – ER March 22, Break March 23 – March 31st. School Resumes April 1.
- No School April 19 – April 22
- Last Day of School without Emergency Days – May 31st.

Superintendent Ragon said he will have more information after the LW Superintendents meeting, regarding what the other districts will be recommending, and after receiving feedback from the staff. The goal is to gather the necessary input and then hopefully put together the final calendar recommendation for the December board meeting possibly, or January at the very latest.

Illinois School Report Card

The information was not made available by the ISBE so the item will be held over until the November meeting.

Preliminary 2017 Tax Levy Information

Superintendent reported on the preliminary tax levy during the Committee of the Whole. The County Assessors preliminary numbers project nearly a \$22,000,000 increase. New Property is projected at \$9,000,000-\$10,000,000. The goal of maintaining the rate of \$4.26, we would be recommended along with an abatement of the Bond & Interest in the amount of \$1,300,000. This would accomplish the goal of keeping the rate at \$4.26. It would also allow this district to lower the class sizes that are 28-30 in grades 3-8 (and expected to increase before the year end), back down to 25 students per section, with the hiring of new teaching staff. Because of the new funding formula that was passed, we should not expect to receive and new additional revenues from the State. Therefore it is important to manage our debt payments and maximize our local resources, Superintendent Ragon reported.

Second Reading of Board Policies

2:20-E, 2:210, 2:220-E3, 2:260, 4:60-E, 4:70, 4-170-AP1, E1, 4-170-AP1, E2, 4-170-AP4, 6:80, 6:120-AP1, E1, 6:80, 6:120-AP3, 6:80, 6:120-AP3, E1, 6:180, 6:210, 6:290, 6:310-E, 6:330, 7:80, 7:140-AP, 7:160, 7:275, 7:340-AP1, E2, 7:340-AP1, E5, 7:340-AP2, 7:340-AP2, E1, 8:20-E, 8:70

J. Mitchell made a motion to approve the IASB recommended policy updates as presented and recommended by the Policy Committee with a second by L. Boyle.

Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle

Other

Superintendent Ragon reported that the annual audit was completed a couple weeks ago. The auditors were very complimentary of the new bookkeeper, Keeley Senn's work during their visit. The auditors expressed great confidence in Keeley and commented that it is nice to work with a bookkeeper that truly understands accounting principles. We can expect their report to be complete and presented at the November meeting.

Superintendent Ragon also reported that School Report Cards are coming out this week for a preview, then will be released to the public. He will have the report cards for the Board to review, at the November meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

1. Lincoln-Way Special Education District #843 Governing Board Report:
 - Member Terry Doyle reported that at the Governing Board meeting, the Director of 843 reported that the Cooperative will be receiving \$767,626.86 of funding from the State this fiscal year. Because it was not expected or budgeted for, the Cooperative will either adjust tuition payments for member districts or issue a refund. More information will be forthcoming.
2. Illinois Association of School Boards Reports:
 - Member Dan DeCaprio reported the IASB updates that had been recently sent out. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming IASB Three Rivers Meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Building and Development/Growth Committee Report:
 - Nothing additional reported from COW.
2. Policy and Curriculum Committee:
 - Nothing additional reported from COW.
3. Finance and Operations Committee Report:
 - Nothing additional reported from COW.
4. Safety Committee Report:
 - Member Joe Mitchell reminded everyone of the Internet Safety Presentation that was coming up on October 18, 2017 at Wilson Creek.

Motions Coming Out of Closed Session

**L. Boyles made a motion to employ Marshall Hill as the 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for 2017-18 school year. A second to the motion was made by D. Murphy;
Roll Call Vote: All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Prynn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT:

**D. Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., with a second by J. Mitchell.
All voted yea: 6 ayes, 0 nays – Dan DeCaprio, Dawn Murphy, Liz Boyles, Sue Pryn, Joe Mitchell, and Terry Doyle**

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Creek Elementary School. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6:00pm.

Scott Mancke, President
Board of Education
Manhattan School District 114

Susan Pryn, Secretary
Board of Education
Manhattan School District